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BANKS.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked *Hongkong Savings Bank* is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
FITERS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—HON. JOHN BELL-IRVING.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposits, at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 363

Intimations.

MASONIC HALL—1889.

IN consequence of the lamented death of Admiral CHANDLER, the MASONIC HALL is POSTPONED from FRIDAY, the 10th Instant, to MONDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY NEXT.

ALF. WOOLLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 14, 1889. 288

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

WEEKLY SPOON COMPETITION.

900 YARDS, 10 SHOTS.

ENTRANCE FEE 10 CENTS payable on the Ground.

NEXT SATURDAY, 23rd Feb. 4 o'clock.

One Sighting Shot allowed.

CARTRIDGES allowed Two Shots extra. On THURSDAY AFTERNOONS the Range is reserved for Practice at 800 and 900 Yards.

A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 14, 1889. 300

Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING—1889.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, the 20th, 21st and 22nd February.

July 15.—ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE for MEMBERS of the JOCKEY CLUB, Free; for Non-Members, \$5 for the Meeting. For Admission to the New Stand, \$3 for the Meeting.

July 16.—THURSDAY OF ADMITTANCE to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE to be had on application to E. W. RUTTER, Esq., Hon. Treasurer. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Gate-keeper.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 12, 1889. 279

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the PRESIDENT or the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 20th, 21st and 22nd Instant.

By Order,
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 13, 1889. 279

BANK HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at Noon on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 20th, 21st and 22nd Instant.

For the 'Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,'
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,'
CHANTREY INCHALL,
Agent, Hongkong.

For the New 'Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited,'
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 15, 1889. 293

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s Office, Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 5th March, 1889, at 12 o'clock (noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1888.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 27th Instant, to WEDNESDAY, the 5th day of March next, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ISAAC HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 19, 1889. 324

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Seventh Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, at Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 7th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Account to the 31st December, 1888.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd February until 7th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, February 19, 1889. 321

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHEI DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 25th day of February, 1889, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed:—

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$300,000 legally current in the Colony of Hongkong by the creation of 20,000 New Shares of \$10 each. Subject to any direction to the contrary that may be given by the Meeting sanctioning the increase of Capital, all New Shares shall be offered to the Members in proportion to the existing Shares held by them, and such offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to be declined, and after the expiration of such time or on the receipt of an intimation from the Member to whom such notice is given that he declines to accept the Shares offered, such Shares shall be dealt with by the Directors in their discretion.

Dated the 14th day of February, 1889.

By Order of the Board,
A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1889. 218

LADY (very good sailor) wishing to

Return to England in the Spring, would be glad to give her Services, during the voyage, in return for her passage home.

Address,
Miss EARLE,
c/o Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, February 4, 1889. 218

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

For the Races.

NEW FELT HATS.

SCARVES & TIES.

RIDING & WALKING BOOTS.

Ayala & Co's Champagne,

JAPAN BEER.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, February 16, 1889. 308

W. POWELL & Co.

EX STEAMSHIP GLENLYON.

FIRST SHIPMENTS OF

SPRING FLOWERS, FEATHERS, AND LADIES' WHITE STRAW HATS, all New Shapes.

(Specially Manufactured to meet the Requirements of the early Spring Trade.)

W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, February 13, 1889. 277

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR SECOND DELIVERY

OF WINTER COATINGS, TWEED AND DRESS SUITINGS, TROUSERS, AND ULSTER TWEEDS.

A Very Stylish Selection.

OUR OUTFITTING STOCK IS ALSO COMPLETE IN SEASONABLE GOODS.

QUEEN'S ROAD (opposite HONGKONG HOTEL),
Hongkong, January 14, 1889. 69

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbor and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Services of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

THE HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

THE HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACTS, 1889-90.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received at the Naval Yard, until 10 a.m. on THURSDAY, the 28th Inst., from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the Undermentioned ARTICLES for the Use of H. M. NAVY, for the year 1889-90.

BISCUITS, FRESH MILK, RAISINS, RICE, SUGAR, FRESH BEER, VEGETABLES, and POTATOES, FRESH WATER.

Printed Forms of Tender and further Particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

W. H. LOBB,
Naval and Victualling Storekeeper.

Hongkong Naval Yard, 18th February, 1889. 301

HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held on MONDAY, the 25th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the Company's Office.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 11, 1889. 267

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 25th Instant, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1888.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 8, 1889. 248

PUBLIC NOTICE OF EXPIRY OF OPTIUM FARM.

THE Exclusive PRIVILEGE of BOILING and PREPARING OPTIUM and SELLING and RETAILING OPTIUM so Boiled or Prepared will CEASE on the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1889. No boiled or prepared Optium purchased from us or our Licensees can be used after the 28th day of March, 1889, at Noon, without the consent of the New Holder of such exclusive privilege as aforesaid.

Dated 26th January, 1889.

KHOE THONG POH,
and CHEAH TEK SOON,
Optium Farmers.

Hongkong, January 26, 1889. 161

Business Notices.

THE HALL & HOLTZ

CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SPECIAL SALE of First Class well-seasoned FURNITURE.

Previous to Stock-taking and Extension of Premises.

COMPRISING.—Drawing and Dining Room Suites (in Oak and Walnut), Bed-room Suites, Commodore, Sideboards, Mantels and Over Mantels, Music Cabinets, Writing Desks, Hat Stands, Clothes Stands, Fancy Flush Chairs, Children's Cradles, Mirrors, Bookcases, Baskets, &c.

The whole of the present stock of Furniture has been re-marked at EXCHEP. TENDERS FOR LOW PRICES to effect a Clearance, pending the arrival of an entirely New Stock from our Factories.

WE SHALL ALSO TWICE IN THE ABOVE SALE A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF FURNISHING REQUISITES:—

BRASS and IRON BEDSTEPS, BEDDERS and FIRE-IRONS, HALL LAMPS, TABLE LAMPS, PHOTO FRAMES, &c., &c.

100 pieces BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CARPETS, 257 pairs BLANKETS, 820 pairs LAUB CURTAINS, 50 pieces Silk and Wool TAPESTRY, &c., &c.

Also a few choice Oil and Water Colour PAINTINGS.

The sale NOW PROCEEDING in the NEW PREMISES, 37 & 39, QUEEN'S ROAD.

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

Hongkong, February 8, 1889. 249

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

A MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held on SATURDAY, the 2nd March, at the Office of the Company, 62, Queen's Road Central, at Half-past Two o'clock in the afternoon.

C. EWENS,
General Manager.

Hongkong, February 19, 1889. 320

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 6, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of March, 1889, for the purpose of confirming the Resolution passed at the Meeting held this day, the 19th of February, 1889.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 19, 1889. 322

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.

THE RACE COURSE MEADOW, ON SATURDAY, the 16th March.

Held under the Laws of the Amateur Athletic Association, open to all Gentlemen who are Members or visitors of the Hongkong Club, The Club Germania, The Hongkong Jockey Club, The Victoria Recreation Club, The Ladies Recreation Club, and Commissioned Naval and Military Officers.

The following is the list of Events, viz:—

1.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE (Winners at previous meetings at Hongkong or elsewhere penalised 15 yards). 2 prizes.

2.—PUTTING THE SHOT (16 lbs.) 1 prize.

3.—150 YARDS FLAT RACE (Handicap). 1 prize.

4.—TOSING THE GABER (Open). 1 prize.

5.—HIGH JUMP (Winners at previous meetings at Hongkong or elsewhere penalised 2 inches for one win and 5 yards additional for more than one win). 1 prize.

6.—MILE FLAT RACE (Ladies' Purse). (Winners at previous meetings at Hongkong or elsewhere penalised 10 yards for one win and 5 yards additional for more than one win). 2 prizes.

7.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Winners at previous meetings penalised 5 yards). 1 prize.

8.—EXERCISE ON THE GERMAN HORSE. 1 prize.

9.—MILE FLAT RACE (Handicap). 1 prize.

10.—MILE FLAT RACE (Open to N. O. O.'s and Men of Her Majesty's Forces). 2 prizes.

11.—120 YARDS CRICKET RACE (Winners at previous meetings penalised 6 yards for one win, 12 yards for two succeeding wins). 2 prizes.

12.—BOYS' RACE, 10 YARDS (Open). (Competitors must be under 1 years of age). 3 prizes.

13.—VETERANS' RACE, 150 YARDS (Open). (Competitors must be 35 years of age or upwards of 10 years residence in India, China, or the Tropics). 2 prizes.

14.—LONG JUMP (Winners at previous meetings penalised 6 inches). 1 prize.

15.—THREE-LEGGED RACE (Post entries). 1 prize.

16.—SMALL GIRLS' RACE (Handicap) (Competitors must be under 7 years of age). 3 prizes.

17.—220 YARDS FLAT RACE (Handicap). 2 prizes.

18.—MILE FLAT RACE (Winners at previous meetings penalised 100 yards for first win and 50 yards additional for each succeeding win). 2 prizes.

19.—CONSOLATION RACE (120 yards). 1 prize.

20.—TWO OF WAIL (International). 1 prize.

21.—BICYCLE RACE (1 mile). Start on saddle. (Post entries). 2 prizes.

1.—Entries to close on Friday 8th March.

2.—Competitors are requested to send in their entries for races on forms which are obtainable on WEDNESDAY, and after at the CHIEF PATRON, Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, and Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

3.—Members are requested to send in their entries for races on forms which are obtainable on WEDNESDAY, and after at the CHIEF PATRON, Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, and Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

4.—The above order of events may be changed as the Committee think proper.

5.—Members are requested to send in their entries for races on forms which are obtainable on WEDNESDAY, and after at the CHIEF PATRON, Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, and Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

GEO. BRAMWELL,
Lt. 2nd Northamptonshire Regt.
Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1889. 317

WINN & KIMBALL,

DENTAL SURGEONS,
SHANGHAI, HONGKONG & YOKOHAMA.

RESUME PRACTICE from this date, at 16, BANK BUILDINGS.

R. H. KIMBALL.

No. 7, WINDHAM STREET.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLE HOME FOR SINGLE GENTLEMEN.

MODERATE TERMS.

Mrs. KJELLER,
Proprietress.

Hongkong, January 26, 1889. 161

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.—P. M. S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.
Miscellaneous.
Noon.—Local Banks close.
Hongkong Races.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

THEIR

ANNUAL SUPPLY

of

LAWN GRASS SEED,

AND

SWEET CORN.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited,

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

January 16th, 1889.

The publication of this notice commenced at 8.25 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1889.

TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE CHINA MAIL.]

(Via Southern Line.)

A STOP-GAP MINISTRY FOR

FRANCE.

LONDON, February 18th.

A new Ministry has been formed under the presidency of M. Meunier. The Press

regard the new Ministry as probably moderate but colourless and only intended to tide over the International Exhibition.

THE 'TIMES' AND THE PARNELL COMMISSION.

The Times paid £40,000 for the Parnell letters, and the person who supplied them

swears that Mr. Labouchere offered him £1,000 to testify to the forgeries.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUBS. CANAL.

OCTOBER 28.—Red Sea, December

28; William, Barkley, Abeyaratne, Jan.

1; Kent, 1; Zeynep, 15; Zeynep, 15;

Hector, Glasgow, Balaclava, Brook,

Hampshire, 29; Glenfalta, February 1;

Prigga, Nagasaki, Lema, Trifels,

Dorset, Galle, of Tern, Moray, 6; Be-

nary, 1; Zeynep, 15; Zeynep, 15;

HOMEROUND BOUND.—Glenfalta, Lema,

29; Sarpedon, Feb. 1; Napier, Daphne,

5; Yarkine, 8; Bayern, Ulysses, Nor-

den, 12.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd's S. S. Co.'s

steamer *Sachsen*, with the next out-

going to Bremen, left on Saturday, the

16th inst., and is expected here on or about

the 26th inst.

The steamer *Africa*, from Glasgow and

Liverpool, left Singapore on the 18th

inst., and is expected here on or about

the 26th inst.

The Indo-China S. S. Co.'s steamer *Wing-*

sang, from Calcutta, left Singapore on

the 18th inst., and may be expected

here on or about the 26th inst.

Typhoid fever is extremely prevalent in

Melbourne and suburbs, over 213 cases

have been reported to the Board of Health

within the past eight days, twenty-four of

which have terminated fatally.

The China Island Mission received a

further advice on the 11th inst. from Lon-

don of £250 for the famine fund. Last

week a sum of three thousand dollars was

forwarded to Honan for distribution.

The Singapore Free Press says:—From our

advertisement column will be found a notice

regarding an annual fair to be held at the

Singapore Free Press, which will be held in

1872 the firm of Harrison Smith failed, in

1872 it compounded for 77 per cent, and

in 1889, seventeen years afterwards, Mr.

W. B. Harrison Smith was forced to pay

the balance of about \$20,000, with a

penalty of 10 per cent on the amount of the

claims.

The Chong Shing says that it is proposed

to sell all the Government railways in

Japan for \$10,000,000. The \$10,000,000

are to be held in stock as the hereditary

property of the Imperial Prince, 10,000,000

granted to the 15th National Bank for the

redemption of loans made to defray the

expenses connected with the Sino-Japanese

rebellion, and for the purchase of the

remaining 10,000,000 Mr. Iwasaki and the

Japan Railway Company are competitors.

Azz interested in the long-standing grievance

about the heavy armament of Singapore

(and Hongkong) will be satisfied to

learn that the 10-inch breech-loading gun,

of which we are to get a couple for Fort

Palmer at some indefinite future time,

appears now to have passed out of the

experimental stage of manufacture, and to

have at last come successfully through the

ordeal at the proof battery. One of these is

now actually in position on one of the works

defending the Thames, and will be seen from

the following paragraph:—The first step in

the War Office scheme for strengthening

the defences at the entrances to the Rivers

Thames and Medway was taken on Jan. 8,

by the mounting of a new 10-inch steel

breech-loading gun on the Centre Bastion,

Sheerness, immediately opposite the estuary

of the two rivers. The new gun weighs 29

tons and, as the heaviest breech-loading

ordnance at present mounted does not weigh

more than eight tons, it will be a great

improvement to the defences. The Centre

Bastion has hitherto been armed with ob-

It is rumoured that the a.s. *Chingho* has been quarantined in Sydney, owing to the illness of the second officer, who was suffering from typhoid fever.

THE case of Mitchell versus French, in which the plaintiff, legal adviser to the King of Siam, sued the defendant, Acting British Consul Judge at Bangkok, for damages arising from the defendant prosecuting him from practicing in that Court, came up before the Singapore Supreme Court in the 8th & 10th of last month. The Attorney-General, for the defendant, lodged a demurrer against the claim. Mr. French appeared for the plaintiff. After hearing argument from counsel, the Chief Justice reserved judgment till the 21st ultimo, when the demurrer was allowed, and the Chief Justice said that, as the defendant has chosen this method of raising his defence and thereby admitted a state of fact, which if true would, in the Court's judgment, show he had committed an act unbecomingly insulting to the plaintiff, and affecting his honour and reputation, it would be allowed without costs.

HONGKONG RACES, 1889.

STEWARDS:—His Excellency Sir G. William Dux, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, K.C.B.; His Excellency Major-General Cameron, C.B.; His Excellency Major-General Maxwell, R.N.; Colonel Sir R. E. Colclough, R.A.; Colonel Sir J. M. Forbes, R.A.; Sir A. S. Highlanders; The Hon. P. Ryrie; The Hon. J. Bell, Esq.; The Hon. C. P. Chater; Mr. H. Forbes, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.; W. Green, Esq.; R. L. Woodhouse, Esq.; J. Grant, Esq.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; G. S. Coxon, Esq.

HOS. TREASURER:—E. W. Rutter, Esq.

CLERK OF THE COURSE:—H. J. Tappin, Esq.

First Day, 20th February.

The Hongkong Races commenced to-day

under the most favourable weather—warm,

without much sun to make the heat oppressive.

As a result the turn-out of spectators

was the largest that has been seen on such an occasion at the Happy Valley.

The Grand Stand and all the private

stands were crowded during the whole day,

and there was an almost unbroken crowd

of natives, the new 'lads,' and other

course. Speaking of the 'lads,' we must

note the great improvement that has been

made in the centre of the Valley. Instead

of being covered with swamps the whole

of the valley, with the exception of a beautiful

circular pond at the northern end, is as dry

as dry as the roads are at the present moment.

Another small improvement must be

noted. A nice brick structure has taken

the place of the old wooden stand of the

old wooden structure. This year also, there

were no stalls allowed in the interior space

in order to preserve the turf from being

destroyed. The course was in capital

condition, and the fact that it was

expected from the improved condition of

the course was fully realized.

The programme opened auspiciously with

a pretty race on one mile with 12 starters,

in which the victory was cleverly secured

for Mr. John Peel's stable, by Mr. Reynell

with *Hesperus*. The second race was even

better, and the finish was one of the most

exciting of the day.

The result of the great event of the day,

the Hongkong Derby, was, as might be

expected, a very close one. The race was

run in the shortest time that has ever

been done for the Derby, 3:15, which is

equal to the best time made for the

Hongkong Derby, and was a very close

race. The race was won by the favorite

racer, *Pao Shing*, who was the general

favorite and certainly made very good

running. *Griffin*, however, had excellent

showing and came in a good first. The

time was the quickest on record. During

the afternoon the crowd of Chinese waited

rapidly away, there being, in the absence

of the stalls, no diversions of the Colonial

Hunt. G. P. Chater acted as Judge. Mr.

Trotter, Clerk of the scales, and Mr.

W. H. Forbes, time keeper.

The following are the winners, Mr. John

Peel 3, Mr. Benedict 2, Mr. Benedict 2,

Mr. Benedict 1, Mr. Humphreys, who had

the largest stable, was very unfortunate to-day.

A number of hanches were plying in

opposition to the rickshaws and they seemed

to be doing a good trade. As far as the

jockeys were concerned the honours were

evenly divided. Funded 3 mcs, Reynell

2, Hough, Macdonald, 1, Hough, 1, Hough,

Tanner 1. The Bands of the A and S.

Highlanders played with great acceptance

during the afternoon, the Piper band being

especially popular. The following is the

programme for to-morrow.

The Pipers will play:—

March.—The Highland Plaid.

Strathpey.—Money Musk.

Real.—Lady Seaford.

March.—The Lass o' Richmond Hill.

The Band will play:—

Quadrille.—Olympia.—Williams.

Valse.—Toreador.—Royce.

Polka.—Black & Tan.—Lowthion.

Selection.—Scott Medley.—Cavalini.

Honour.—Imperial.—Faust.

Galop.—Down the Road Harper.

"God save the Queen."

1.—THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES; for

China ponies; weight for inches; en-

trance, \$5. With \$100 added. Half-

a-mile.

Mr. John Peel's *Hesperus* (Reynell) 1st.Mr. Tel's *Melita* (Reynell) 1st.Mr. Fraser Smith's *Roy Morn* (Maclean)

infatuation, and Mr. Reynell, who won the race very cleverly, thoroughly well deserved the cheer with which he was greeted. Time, 59 secs.

2.—THE ANKLEY CUP; presented by A. E.

Solomon, Esq., for China ponies; en-

trance, \$5; weight for inches. One-

mile.

Mr. Buxey's *Bombshell* (Pond) 1st.Mr. J. D. Humphreys' *Defiance* (Kor) 1st.Mr. John Peel's *Honesty* (Reynell) 1st.Mr. Tel's *Mont Blanc* (Reynell) 1st.Mr. Triad's *Precursor* (Macdonald) 1st.Mr. Mounat's *Wild Dash* (Groveau) 1st.Mr. John Peel's *Vendetta* (Hough) 1st.Mr. Sid's *Ganges* (Maclean) 1st.

The result of this race was rather a sur-

prise, *Bombshell* not being named as a

likely horse at all and not looking particularly

dangerous for the course was nearly run

by *Defiance* was the favorite, and *Ganges*

was fancied by a few. The latter got

away at the start, making a very lively

pace and leaving the rest of the field be-

hind. He kept the lead for more than a

quarter of the course, *Defiance* being the

first to challenge his position. The latter

pony passed Mr. Sid's grey before the

Black Rock was reached, coming down the

hill, *Defiance* was being brought up by

Hough at a cracking pace and looking very

dangerous for *Defiance*, while *Mont Blanc*and *Bombshell* were also getting well in

front. There seemed little to choose be-

tween the horses named, as they came up

the straight, *Defiance* was leading, andthe way *Bombshell* dashed forward

when just about home was something al-

together unexpected and proved a variable

Bombshell in the betting camp. Mr. Buxey's

grey had made an easy win of the old

couple of lengths. *Defiance* wrestled thesecond place from *Honesty* by about a

neck, the others being left off. Time,

2:49.

3.—HONGKONG DERBY; sweepstakes of \$20

each, half forfeit if declared on or

before day of closing entries, with

\$100 added for 1st pony, and \$50 for

2nd; for all China ponies bred *in situ*

griffins at date of entry (Saturday) 18th

January, 1889. First pony, 10 per

cent; second, 20 per cent; third, 10

per cent; weight 10st. 10lbs. One-

mile-and-a-half.

Mr. Buxey's *Pao Shing* (Pond) 1st.Mr. John Peel's *Challenger* (Reynell) 1st.Mr. Buxey's *Bushybody* (Sampson) 1st.Mr. Buxey's *Ambric* (Macdonald) 1st.Mr. J. D. Humphreys' *Phenomena* (Hart)

1st.

Mr. Sid's *haes* (Macdonald) 1st.Mr. J. D. Humphreys' *Vigour* (Kor) 1st.Messrs Morgan and White's *White* (Hart)

1st.

Mr. Triad's *Harbinger* (Groveau) 1st.Mr. Benedict's *Melita* (Boyl) 1st.

If the 'knowing ones' were out of it, last

race, they may claim to have all pre-

dicted this time. A rather bad start

made, *Pao Shing* being left a good lengthbehind. *Challenger* came in front and led

for nearly a round of the course. When

the Bridge was reached, however, *Challenger*had drawn close up to him, while *Pao Shing*had been overtaken by *Challenger*, the latter

advantage. He kept the lead round the

valley, but *Pao Shing* was gradually coming

up on him, and when they were in the

straight they were neck-and-neck. For a

short distance they were together in this

position, but about 100 yards from the

winning post, *Pao Shing* made a splendid

start, to

